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New Policy Advocacy Project Launched

Zelle W. Andrews

e Policy Advocacy Ministry is a new nture which has been undertaken by CBWM, as a joint project of the regional retaries and the World Issues Office. e purpose of the Policy Advocacy Minis- is to strengthen the capacity of CBWM to nurture an awareness among C members of their global responsibili- s as Christians and as US citizens. Its ob- tives will be 1) to educate members out regions of the world where there are tical peace and justice issues, 2) to alert mbers about public policy issues affect- these regions and to provide them h information about positions the neral Synods and our partner churches ve taken on them, and 3) to create net- rks of people who are willing to advo- e on behalf of UCC policy positions to ir members of Congress, to executives l other officials of the US government, l to government leaders overseas.

More specifically, the program will de- op for each regional secretary a core of C and possibly Disciples members as well who are informed about their area of geographic interest and are ready to respond when relevant issues in Washington need input from the religious community.

To develop these informed and active networks, the regional secretaries will send resource materials to members on a regular basis and will provide briefings approximately four times a year. They will also send alerts to their entire networks or to key Congressional districts (as determined by "swing lists"—those members of Congress whose votes are not committed in advance for or against an issue) to encourage members to express their views through the political process at opportune moments.

This commitment to more intense and effective public advocacy by UCBWM has emerged from messages the Board has been receiving from missionaries and partner-churches around the world that our own government's policies are responsible for critical problems they face. These requests have made clear the urgent need for Christians to raise their

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Cry of an Oppressed People: The Philippines

by Paul R. Gregory

Two years of patient planning finally brought 155 participants from 15 countries to a five-day International Ecumenical Conference on the Philippines. With the cruel assassination of Benigno Aquino as a background, the September 27 - October 2 sessions at Stony Point, NY, had a special poignancy, as the Filipino delegation shared their accounts of exploitation and arrest and torture. The conference included church representatives, trade unionists, journalists, students, teachers, lawyers, farmers, and industrial workers, with all of these sectors ably represented in the group which had come from the Philippines. The limited number of US participants was carefully divided between Catholics and Protestants, with the three UCC places filled by Ralph Tuller, UCBWM president; Julia Estrella, PAAM chairperson; and Paul Gregory, of the UCBWM staff.

To some of us the facts were not new; and yet they carried an impact that was

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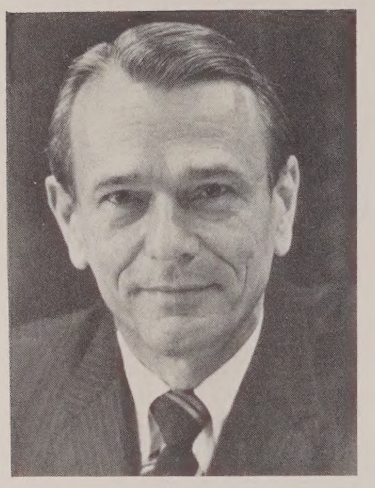

Message from the EVP

William James, that most typical American thinker, was the father of "pragmatism," which is a way of understanding and evaluating the meaning of anything by asking what conceivable practical difference it makes or might make. "Practical" means "effective" or "experienceable" and that could include spiritual and moral or aesthetic effectiveness as well as financial or political. When my philosopher son gave me *A Stroll with William James* for Christmas, it reminded me again of my deep predisposition to a pragmatic philosophy of life and mission which living with James and others like him over the years have instilled. (One of those "others," by the way, is Jesus, who gave us that most pragmatic of maxims, "You will know them by their fruits.")

The genius of mission, I have always believed, is that in the face of infinite human needs and problems, it simply asks, "What good may be done? And by what means?" and sets about to do something fruitful with whatever resources are available. (These questions were asked in the Charge given the first missionaries sent by this Board to the Near East in 1819.) Recognizing that the total salvation of the whole world is God's task, not ours, we are then freed to invest our tiny mite of energy and intelligence where it promises to make the most practical difference.

In this frame of mind I commend for your reflection two events which occurred near the beginning of our portentous new year of 1984. One was the journey of Jesse Jackson to Syria. The occasion was an effort to gain the release of an American prisoner of war and, presumably, to make political capital. But surely the larger purpose of the trip was to experiment with the practical effect of reaching out toward an adversary in the soured stalemate of the Middle East. Jackson did not presume to solve the Middle East crisis. He went seeking to release a prisoner and to test the practical effects of a gesture of hope and trust. As I write, the effects are by no means all known. But as Ronald Reagan says, "You don't argue with success."

The other event was the publication in the first two 1984 issues of *The New Yorker* of an article by Jonathan Schell, who became famous last year for detailing the almost unimaginably catastrophic effect of nuclear war on *The Fate of the Earth.* This time Schell moved toward the practical, toward a concrete proposal for dealing with that threat. The argument is complex but the main thread is simple and, I think, momentous.

He begins, in effect, where the Catholic bishops' 1984 pastoral letter leaves off: with the paradox that a posture of nuclear deterrence is both horrible and inevitable. The very fact of the capacity for nuclear warfare, which is now forever with us, means both that nuclear aggression must be deterred, and that if nuclear retaliation were ever used it would mean the end of the human race. Control by establishing a world government is inconceivable in any foreseeable future. But one possible practical point of control is the amount of lead time for mounting a major nuclear attack and suffering the inevitable retaliation. We now have only seven minutes between the first nuclear launch and the literal destruction of the human race. That lead time could be extended to weeks or even months, with all the consequent possibilities for managing the crisis, by four steps to be taken by the nuclear powers and by others. That might make all the difference in the world. The four steps are:

1. Abolish existing nuclear arsenals and extend the current non-proliferation agreement.

2. Provide for limited, balanced, conventional forces of defense to inhibit aggression ("steel shields and rubber swords," as Schell describes them).

3. Encourage the development of effective *anti-nuclear* defensive weapons.

4. Define agreed levels of capacity to *rebuild* retaliatory nuclear forces sufficient to make any preemptive first strike by a nuclear "cheater" suicidal.

The argument is complex. You will have to read the articles to judge it. But it just might be practical. And that, not sentiment or posturing, is what mission and peace are all about. □

David M. Stowe

India Tour Meets with Prime Minister

An interview with Prime Minister Indira Gandhi was one of the highlights of an educational tour to India in January under the leadership of Telfer and Jane Mook. The interview scheduled for 30 minutes was extended to 50 minutes, as tour members raised questions about India's development and its role in the world.

One UCC member of the group reported that he was struck by Mrs. Gandhi's candid manner. She acknowledged that India had fallen short of many of its goals, while also pointing to areas of remarkable progress. One example of such progress to which members of the group could testify was the rapid extension of electric power to India's villages.

Mrs. Gandhi indicated that relations between the United States and India are moderately good, but stressed the need for western countries to appreciate better

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Volunteers Serve in Honduras Mission

Colin and Karen Glenn and Mary Beth Shanks have recently completed service as short-term Volunteers with the UCBWM mission in Honduras. Work as a Volunteer enables a person with needed special skills to offer direct service in a mission field for a limited period of time at his/her own expense. Volunteers thus contribute unique strength to our missionary outreach, becoming involved in situations of particular need which it would not otherwise be possible to meet. At the same time, the Volunteers' own understanding of the church's work abroad is deeply enriched, and they return to their home churches in the US with valuable first-hand experience of world ministries.

The Latin America region is particularly well-suited to this type of service, and the three Volunteers in Honduras contributed greatly to the work of the church-sponsored clinics in the poor mountain villages of Subirana—headed by UCBWM missionary doctor Joyce Baker—and Pinalejo—where the director is Honduran doctor Noe Garcia.

Colin Glenn, a dentist, and his wife Karen, of Santa Fe, NM, spent two weeks during October, offering dental service in both clinics. In these remote places regular dental care is unavailable, tooth brushes and tooth paste are unheard of, and teeth simply rot with time and neglect, bringing infection and disease. Colin extracted a total of 860 teeth in ten days in the clinics, working together with Karen in makeshift outdoor facilities. They saw patients from dawn until dusk, to utilize the light of the sun—Subirana's only source of electricity is a diesel generator. Their work was helped by supplies they brought which had been donated by associates in Santa Fe, including antibiotics which would have been expensive and difficult to obtain in Honduras.

Colin and Karen Glenn at work in Honduras

Mary Beth Shanks, of Denver, CO, worked at the clinic in Pinalejo for two months during the summer. She assisted the doctor in receiving patients at the clinic and shared in dealing with the health problems discovered. Her report on her experience observes, "The majority of people have little if any knowledge about health, disease, sanitation, and the importance of the connection between the three. To make matters worse, there are relatively few passable roads and paths, especially during the rainy season, making a trip to the clinic difficult at best." She concludes that the key to improvement of the standard of living in such desperately poor areas as Honduras is education, especially health education, and expresses the hope that UCBWM will be able to continue its involvement in this vitally needed process.

Volunteers likewise inevitably develop a keen personal concern about the social and political circumstances of the people among whom they serve. The Glenns returned with determination to increase awareness in their community of the social problems of Central America and of the United States' role in the Central American situation. "The people of Honduras live in dire hunger and poverty," Colin concluded. "Spending money for a military solution for hunger and poverty never gets you anywhere." □

Multiply a miracle

one great hour of sharing

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Each year the Winter issue of the *Whole Earth Newsletter* highlights UCBWM service work, including the Annual Report of the UCBWM Division of World Service. The 1983 Report and other items appearing in this issue provide information on service activities during the past year, which have been made possible through gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing.

This year's One Great Hour of Sharing All-Church Offering is to be received April 1, 1984, under the theme "Multiply a Miracle." Your generous OGHS gifts will again support ministries of service around the world and will assure that miracles can continue to be multiplied. □

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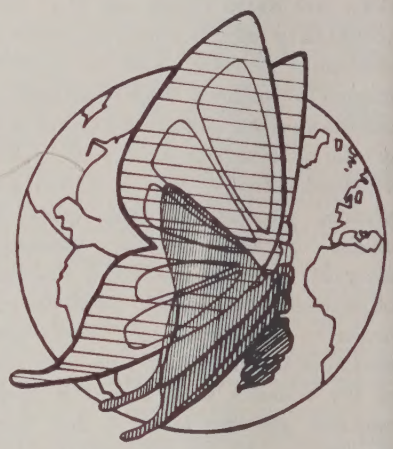

THE CHRYSALIS PROGRAM, located at Christian Theological Seminary, Indianapolis, IN, aimed at making available a global church perspective for active pastors, has reviewed its two years' experience and adopted plans for the remainder of its four-year experimental life. The Program, to which UCBWM contributed initial funding, works through study courses (either for degree credit or on a non-degree basis), short-term intensive seminars, and other types of activity. It offers the personal leadership of teams of overseas theologians and church leaders, this year including Profs. Kodwo Ankrah (Uganda), Stanley Samartha (India), and Joel Gajardo (Chile).

DR. JACK A. BATTEN, UCC South Dakota Conference Minister, and his wife **MARGARET** have begun a six-month period of service as UCBWM Volunteers in Turkey. Jack, who has been Conference Minister for ten years, was given extended leave by his Conference, in order to make possible this experience overseas, his first such opportunity. He is serving as pastor and counselor to UCBWM personnel in Turkey, while Margaret, who has worked extensively with children with handicaps and with special education classes, is assisting in testing and school planning for children with learning disabilities.

In the continued development of the relationship of *Kirchengemeinschaft* (Full Church Fellowship) between the UCC and the Evangelical Church of the Union (EKU) in Germany, a new form of exchange this year has been the placement for one year of a UCC hospital chaplain, **REV. ED KLOPPE,** in a hospital in Essen, Germany, while an EKU hospital chaplain, **REV. ALFRED KAUNICKE,** is spending the year in Chicago. Each is in a situation where he can share with colleagues the experience of hospital chaplaincy work from his own background, while studying the approaches used in the hospital he is visiting. Each likewise has opportunities to relate to the wider church in the area where he is working. Ed Kloppe is designated as a UCBWM Associate for the period of his service in Germany.

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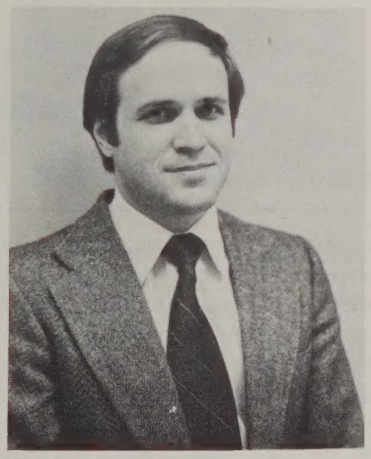
In the first appointment under the new UCBWM program of Peace and Justice Internships, **CECIL PRESCOD** has been selected to be an Intern with the Church and Society Unit of the Caribbean Conference of Churches in Bridgetown, Barbados. Cecil has been Assistant Pastor of St. Albans Congregational Church, St. Albans, NY, and will begin this new assignment this spring.

UCBWM Middle East Secretary **DR. DALE BISHOP** is currently spending six months on extended field assignment in the Middle East. Based in Limassol, Cyprus, he is visiting UCBWM program activities in the region, and is working closely with the leadership of the Middle East Council of Churches, seeking to coordinate plans as effectively as possible, with special attention to interpretation to American churches of the key concerns of Middle Eastern Christians.



In January, 1984, a major dairy farm expansion was inaugurated at the **FAMILY VILLAGE FARM,** near Vellore in South India, a program which gathers destitute children and old people into a family-type community. The new dairy project will both give employment to those at the farm and also provide income for the total program. This is a project with which UCBWM missionary Pauline King has been involved from its inception.

NESTLE BOYCOTT SUSPENDED

The International Nestle Boycott Committee and the giant Nestle Corporation on January 26, 1984, issued a joint statement, announcing the suspension of the seven-year international boycott of Nestle products, following agreement on guidelines for the company's marketing of infant formula in developing countries. Nestle committed itself to implementation of the International Infant Formula Code of the World Health Organization and affirmed its support of the Boycott Committee's efforts "to safeguard the children of the Third World from hazards related to the inappropriate marketing of infant formula."

A statement issued by UCC President Avery Post and UCBWM Executive Vice President David M. Stowe expressed joy and a sense of achievement in celebrating this successful conclusion of the boycott and called attention to the leading role which the United Church of Christ had played in this accomplishment. They called the Nestle Boycott effort "one of the most influential consciousness-raising campaigns for churches and corporations."

While the boycott was in effect, Nestle, the world's largest manufacturer of infant formula, already undertook significant changes in its marketing policies and practices. The newly announced agreement to end the boycott hinged on Nestle's acceptance of four final points submitted by the Boycott Committee: a limit on the supplies of free formula to hospitals, no personal gifts to health professionals, hazard warnings on labels, and no written materials to mothers and health care staff which omit the hazards of formula feeding and the benefits of breast feeding.

The statement by Dr. Post and Dr. Stowe points, in light of "this historic moment in the life of the church," to the importance of maintaining attention to three continuing concerns: 1) monitor Nestle to verify its full compliance to the WHO code, 2) seek the implementation of this code in developed countries, and 3) link the practices of other multinational corporations to this agreement. □

Missionaries' Notebook

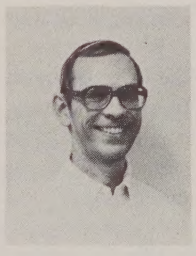
Called from worship unto service,
Forth in thy dear name we go,
To the child, the youth, the aged,
Love in living deeds to show.
Hope and health, goodwill and comfort,
Counsel, aid and peace we give,
That thy children, Lord, in freedom
May thy mercy know, and live. Amen.

—Last verse,
"Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service,"
by Albert F. Bayly

THE PHILIPPINES

Mary Beth and Richard Lake *are on the faculty of Silliman University. Richard teaches in the College of Business Administration and Mary Beth in the School of Music and Fine Arts.*

A new activity that has captured the interest of everyone in our family this year has been the Shelter for Homeless Children of Dumaguete. This project is an effort to care for some of the many homeless children that roam the city streets and the market area, sleeping on sidewalks and stealing to survive. The organization has just completed the purchase of a



dormitory-type building with sixteen rooms and nine baths, improving significantly the living conditions for our twenty-eight "kids" and providing much-needed room to expand. A special "thanks" goes out to our home church (Pilgrim Congregational, Lansing, MI) for sending used clothing, and to family and friends who are sponsoring or otherwise contributing to this project. Dick is serving as business manager, Mary Beth is an active committee member, son Brian brings invaluable experience from his previous work at the Navajo Indian School in Arizona, and Karen also contributes her time and talent.

BOTSWANA

Having worked in Botswana since 1977, **Christine and Jack Purves** *are now in Gaborone, the capital, involved with a national project to upgrade education on several levels.*

Binky, a young mother, is alone with the children. Her husband, fired from his job because of alcoholism, has disappeared. Her own small salary is not enough to pay the rent and care for her children and her ailing mother. She comes to us as the newest elder in her church, Trinity United Church of Christ, in Gaborone. We begin

to plan for financial aid. However, when we return the next week, we find Binky with shining eyes. "You have helped me so much just by your willingness to give," she says shyly. "Now I have just received notice that I am admitted to the university as a library science student, recommended by my boss. That means I will keep my salary and also get a university stipend. I can stay in my house and feed my family. Give the money to someone who needs it more."

Batlhalefi looks thin. His face is tensed with pain. He has come to stay at our house while he gets medical treatment at the government hospital. His home is deep in the Okavange Swamps near Angola. There the dreaded bilharzia infects many. At Maun Secondary School (our school from 1977 to 1980) he is the top student in the senior class, a debater, and editor of the school newspaper. But if illness keeps him out of class, he will not do well in the national examinations. Then he will never be able to attend the university. So health is paramount. Dr. Moffat, descendant of missionary Robert Moffat, takes a special interest in Batlhalefi but shakes his head and says, "He needs to try a new medicine the government can't provide because it is too expensive." We know the answer. The church has sent us here and Christians help one another. The medicine is purchased. A fortnight later, Batlhalefi is out in front of our house doing calisthenics. Then he sits in the sun studying physics and soon is off on his journey back to school.

TURKEY

Alison Stendahl *teaches math at the Izmir school.*

The Amerikan Kiz Lisesi, the UCBWM-related girls school in Izmir, has various social outreach programs in which students and several faculty members participate. One program involves the Blind School in Izmir, where a student club of fifteen girls goes to visit twice a month on Saturdays. They read to the blind students, play games with them, listen to their week's activities, and simply try to be friends. These visits began two years ago, when members of the drama club, preparing for a production of *The Miracle Worker,* went to the Blind School to understand better what it means to be without sight. The visit was such a success that the student

club of regular visitors was born. The students at the Blind School learn to be self-sufficient in a world that is not geared to the sightless. They learn braille and have a few books, but their resources are limited. Last year the Izmir Mission Center asked the UCBWM Division of World Service for five braille typewriters, which are now on their way to Turkey. □

1983 Report of the Division of World Service
United Church Board for World Ministries

Love is a miracle! It is not a natural human response. If love were easy, we would have no need for arms-agreement talks, missile-limitation talks, or general agreement on tariffs and trade.

So when you reach out in love to persons whom you do not know—to assist them in times of distress, help them in their desire to seek refuge in another place, minister to them when they are sick, or give a hand up so that they can help themselves—you have performed a miracle. This miracle is not based on sleight of hand but on love.

Your gifts of love through the Division of World Service of the United Church Board for World Ministries in 1982 totaled $3,592,554. During the first nine months of 1983 the total is $2,504,208. This latter figure compares to $2,643,098 for the first nine months of 1982.

The Miracle of Love is multiplied when we in the United Church of Christ join with the members of many other denominations to minister to others. Churches in countries around the world decide the dimensions of what they can do, the resources they have available and the need for sharing by others in the world fellowship.

Approximately one-third of the funds handled on your behalf are directed through Church World Service, which is a consortium of denominations who carry out these ministries more efficiently together than each denomination could do alone. In the countries where the Christian church is a small minority, there are opportunities for ministry which exceed the church's resources. All of us come together to see how we can do the most through the ecumenical sharing of God's gifts—the *Miracle of Love.*

	1982	1/1/83 9/30/83
Receipts		
One Great Hour of Sharing	$2,624,715	$1,996,566
Directed Gifts	967,839	507,642
	$3,592,554	**$2,504,208**
Disbursements		
Disaster Relief	$ 428,819	$ 359,029
Refugee Service	347,515	241,212
Social Service	314,010	210,245
Development	2,502,210	1,693,722
	$3,592,554	**$2,504,208**

(Figures subject to audit.)

Disaster Relief: $359,029

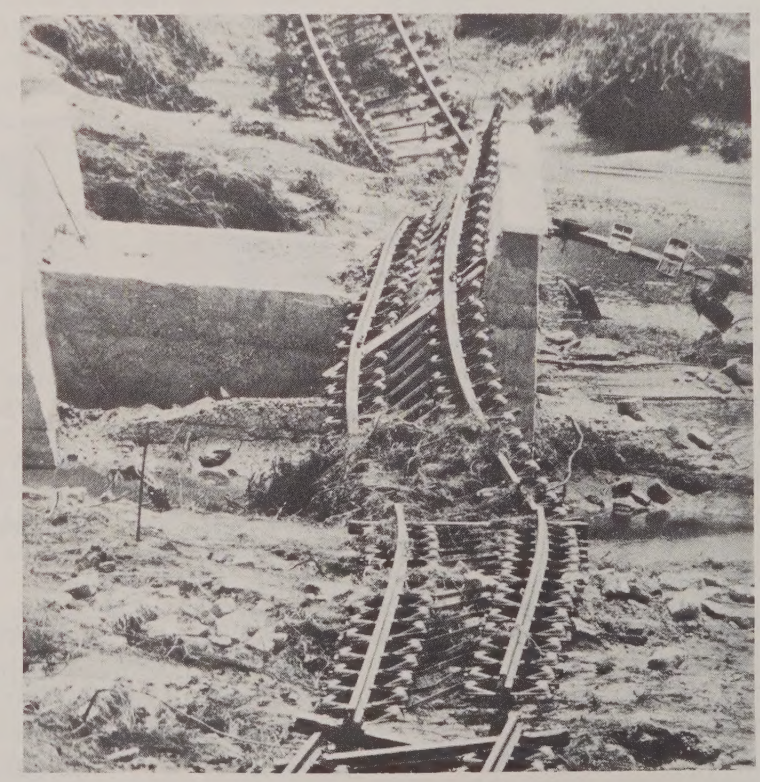
The Reverend Lloyd Van Vactor, D.D., has been elected General Secretary of the Division of World Service as of January 1, 1984. The Reverend Gustav Kuether and Miss Hazel Johns will continue as staff colleagues.

Church World Service has received 67 requests for disaster relief during the first six months of 1983. Over the years we have come to expect 38 requests for help per year. We have responded to 35 of these emergencies and have provided funds through Church World Service to assist in responding immediately to others.

For example, through Church World Service we were able to provide medical supplies to Barbados for victims from Grenada who were moved to Barbados. We provided immedate assistance to the Church of South India when the communal violence broke out in Sri Lanka. We responded immediately with $10,000 for relief following the earthquake in Turkey. When fire destroyed the dining hall of the Asian Rural Institute in Japan, an agricultural training center supported through One Great Hour of Sharing, we sent $30,000 toward the rebuilding of the hall.

We also responded to many natural disasters in the United States. One person commented, "I didn't realize church bureaucrats could move that fast."

"We" were able to do it because you entrusted us with the money to respond in Christ's name on your behalf. Really *you* did it.



Refugee Service: $241,212

During the first nine months of 198 have assisted in resettling 459 refu in the United States. Two factors co the total number more than anythin else: (1) the willingness of congrega to act as sponsors, and (2) the willin ness of the Immigration Service to a persons to come into the United Sta Many congregations are anxious to something about mission, and spon a refugee is a most concrete way to started.

Through One Great Hour of Sharin continue to minister to refugees fro Central America and the Caribbean come to the United States as their c try of first asylum. However, most o displaced persons in the world are

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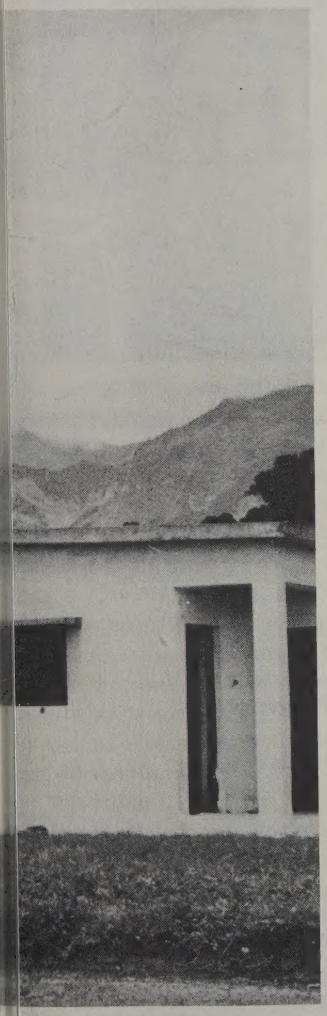
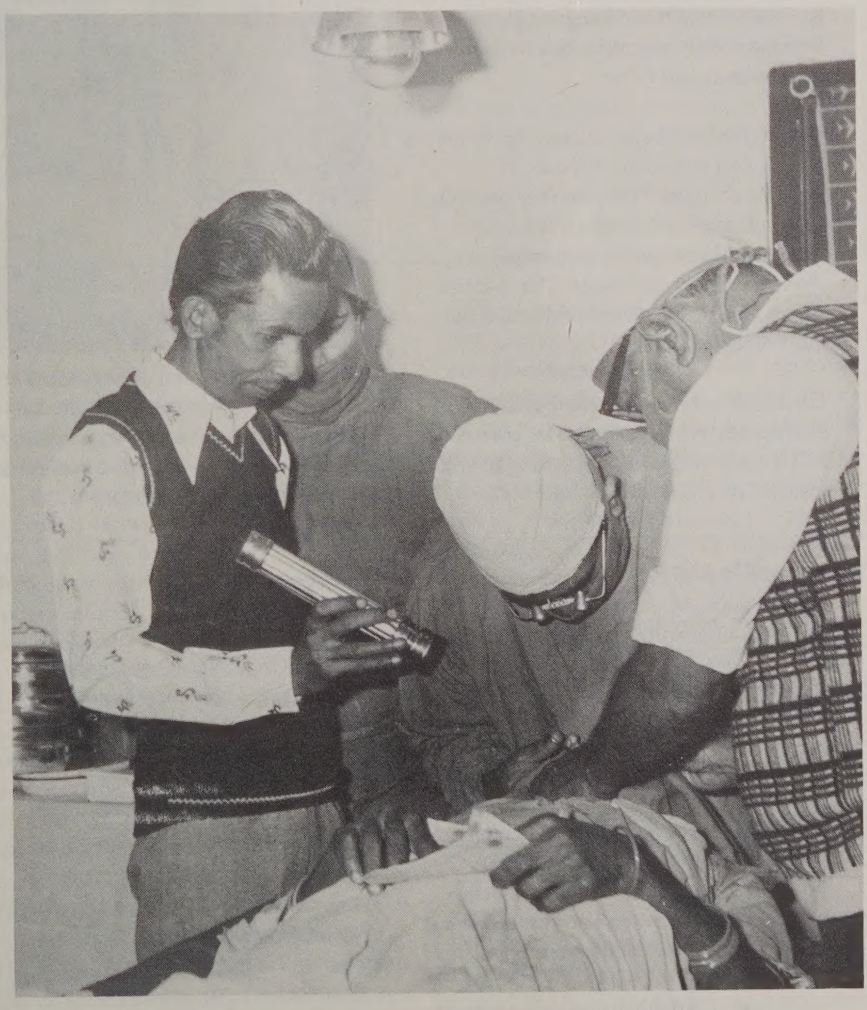


Social Service: $210,245

"And some people brought him a blind man . . . " As related in the Gospel of Luke, restoring the man's sight was considered a miracle—a miracle of love and compassion. Through your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing you have assisted in multiplying that miracle. The YMCA in New Delhi opened a rural training center at Hodal. Soon the need for a clinic became apparent. Medical social workers who moved into the villages found many blind persons. Doctors, volunteering their time, examined the villagers and found more than 200 of them could have their sight restored through cataract operations. With carefull planning, an eye camp was set up where all the cateract operations were done. The picture below shows one of these operations in progress.

Many miracles performed through loving gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing are not easily classified as "disaster relief" or "development" but grow out of programs begun in this way.

Through Coordination in Development, CODEL, one of our ecumenical organizations, we received a report on work in the Cameroons supported by One Great Hour of Sharing. Translated from the French, it said in part, "One of our new village workers is a handicapped girl. We were able to get her an invalid tricycle. She is having a great effect on the village. She will have a special area of work with the handicapped of whom we are discovering more and more." Again it is a *Miracle of Love.*



Development: $1,693,722

The people are desperately poor in San Jose Coapa, a village about 150 miles west of Mexico City, but they have developed a real spirit for change. Adrian, who lives in San Jose Coapa, is a *technico*, an agricultural worker trained by Farm Centers International, one of our partner agencies. The fields of San Jose Coapa are on a plateau high above the village. Each day the families must go up the trail to the fields. Adrian rented a field alongside the trail. He planted criola corn and beans and with good management, he had a good crop for his friends to see. Already he had helped rid their fields of a ground mole which had destroyed from 30% to 50% of their crop. One villager straightened up from his hoeing, and said, "We can harvest what we grow now, rather than what the insects leave us."

Development is the best way to attack the food crisis. Your One great Hour of Sharing dollars are more than the miracle of the loaves and fishes.

The farmers in Lata in Central India had been losing their crops because of periodic drought. This year they harvested good crops and shared water with their neighbors because you helped to dig two wells in the village. This is more than a cup of cold water—it is multiplying a miracle.

Carding is a farmer in Tanay, Rizal, the Philippines. He had planted his corn and lost the planting because of drought and insects. You, through the Rural Life Program, gave him some hybrid seed to plant again. He said that when the harvest comes in, he will give three kilos of corn to the families who have no land on which to plant. This is equal to a month's food supply for a family. He said that because he was helped, he must assist those who have less. This is a *Miracle of Love.*

How to Give

There are many appeals by mail, in advertising, and on the TV and radio from secular agencies, but the most efficient way to contribute is through the church. Through One Great Hour of Sharing and gifts directed to special purposes, your contributions through the church reach more people in more countries around the world. More of your dollar gets there because churches and their organizations in other countries are the distributors of the assistance. You make your gift without expensive fund-raising techniques. We are engaged in the ecumenical sharing of resources.

The General Synod of the United Church of Christ has set out guidelines for giving in the booklet *Pattern of Giving,* produced by the Stewardship Council. One Great Hour of Sharing is an all-church offering; throughout the year, however, individuals may wish to contribute a Directed Gift in response to the needs as they are communicated though the news media. This gift, clearly marked for its intended purpose, is sent through the congregation and conference.

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UCBWM Assists Work with Tibetan Refugees

In September, 1983, Dr. Alfred C. Bartholomew, General Secretary, UCBWM Division of World Service, took part in ceremonies marking the opening of a settlement for Tibetan refugees in Rajpur, India, and a Community Centér at nearby Mandaliya, part of the rehabilitation program carried on by the Indian Protestant service agency CASA (Church's Auxiliary for Social Action). Addressing a gathering of about 3,000 Tibetans, Dr. Bartholomew lauded the self-reliant approach, courage, and resilience of the refugee community. During the ceremonies CASA Director Maj. J. K. Michael expressed appreciation to Dr. Bartholomew and the churches in the US which had provided support for the project through UCBWM and Church World Service. This project resulted from an initiative in December, 1981, by His Grace Mar Aprem, Metropolitan of the Chaldean Syrian Church of the East.

UCBWM has long supported CASA, which initially began its work primarily as a relief agency, but has turned more and more to agricultural and community development efforts. "Food for Work" programs improve food production through the building of reservoirs, dams, and wells for irrigation. At times of disaster, such as tidal waves, floods, and drought-caused famine, CASA is prepared with medicines, blankets, and emergency food. □

Child Sponsorships Available through UCBWM

Members of the United Church of Christ have the opportunity to participate in child sponsorships through UCBWM. Elfriede Kohl, who administers the program, reports that currently 647 children and aged persons are being sponsored in the UCBWM program by individuals, Sunday school classes, or other church-related organizations. Persons being sponsored are living in India, Greece, Hong Kong, Korea, Nicaragua, Sierra Leone, and the Philippines.

In addition to the usual "child sponsorships," the program also includes 42 aged Tibetan refugees in Darjeeling, India. These aged persons have been "orphaned" by circumstances of death or separation.

Costs of sponsorships range from $15 to $25 a month, depending on the cost of living in the country where the recipient is located. A major advantage of the UCBWM program over that of many child sponsorship agencies is that every dollar contributed for the child or aged refugee is sent abroad—no money is retained by the New York office for administrative costs.

Further information may be obtained by writing to Ms. Elfriede Kohl, UCBWM, 475 Riverside Drive, 16th Floor, New York, NY 10115. □

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unexpected because of the courage and the commitment to justice and human dignity which was so evident in the brothers and sisters from the Philippines. We spoke with farmers who had been dispossessed of their lands, speaking for others who had been herded into "strategic hamlets" and sometimes massacred; we heard political detainees who had been arrested and detained without charge report on torture and secret executions; we listened to lawyers who had been harassed for defending the rights of victims of repression and to church leaders who had been persecuted.

This cry of the Philippine people led us all to a fresh understanding of the national security ideology with its simplistic enemy-fixation which justifies all sorts of inhumanities in terms of the economic, military, and strategic interests of the nation. It was particularly disturbing to have these discussions focus on the ways in which national security concerns and priorities of the United States have imposed on the Philippines exploitative political and economic designs. It was emphasized that this exploitation is maintained by the force of arms in which the Marcos regime sees its only security and which is the source of so much suffering for the Filipino people. The Philippines became a mirror in which we Americans saw an image of the US which calls the churches to constituency education and advocacy efforts, which are surely a Gospel imperative.

The Conference Message seeks to express the basic perceptions of the participants and to present in capsule form the main recommendations of the five working groups into which the conference was divided. Expressed as challenges to each national group represented, these recommendations call upon American churches to press for an end to United States economic and military aid to the Marcos regime, for Congressional action defeating the proposed doubling of rental payments on US bases in the Philippines, and for an immediate and unconditional release of political prisoners and detainees. They call all churches represented to press their national ecumenical councils and the Commission on International Affairs of the World Council of Churches to form an international fact-finding team to investigate human rights violations in the Philippines and to press these issues through such organizations as the UN Commission on Human Rights. UCBWM already at its Minneapolis Annual Meeting adopted a resolution which incorporates most of these points and is engaged in further follow-up steps in response to the actions of the ecumenical conference. □

Paul R. Gregory is General Secretary of the Mission Division and Regional Secretary for East Asia on the staff of UCBWM.

T. Evan Davis, on the staff of UCBWM, was responsible for the layout and design of the Annual Report of the Division of World Service on pages 7-10.

Critical Situations Facing Partner-churches

The UCBWM Africa Office has called for special concern for partner-churches in two African countries now confronting particular problems.

• **Angola.** The Evangelical Congregational Church of Angola struggles to carry on its ministry in the face of overwhelming difficulties. Continued military action between the Angolan government and UNITA rebel forces so divides the country that it is impossible for church leaders to meet together or even to communicate with one another across the lines of fighting. As a result, the church has become separated into two administrative units, known generally as the "Visible Church" and the "Church in the Bush." Visitors attending the October, 1983, meeting of the Joint Angola Committee of UCBWM and the United Church of Canada confirmed the severity of the challenges which this situation poses for the life of the church, though conditions were reported to vary from place to place in the country. Jim Kirkwood, Africa Secretary of the United Church of Canada, described the problems of political stalemate, economic depression, low morale, and social dislocation he observed on his February-March, 1983 visit. Word that the church nevertheless maintains its vitality in the difficult situation was brought by Mrs. Raquel Daniel, wife of the First Secretary of the EC Church, and Rev. Ms. Adelaide Catanya, pastor in Huambo, who stated that both Sunday worship services and mid-week meetings are very well attended. All concerned about Angola and its church are joined in the prayer and hope that hostilities may soon come to an end, so that the country may be allowed to develop in unity; meanwhile, the church must continue to live and serve as effectively as it can amid the distressing circumstances which surround it.

• **Ghana.** Severe famine conditions have become widespread in Ghana as the result of two years of drought. Dr. N. K. Dzobo, Moderator of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church and also Chairperson of the Christian Council of Ghana, has called attention to the serious dimensions of the situation, reporting that over 8,000 persons have already died of hunger. He describes prospects for the coming year as "bleak and frightening." Already last February Church World Service issued a West Africa Emergency Appeal for aid to the suffering victims of the drought. UCBWM through the Service Division responded with $10,000, and in addition the Service Division is presently dealing with an appeal from the EP Church for tractors and chain saws to engage village farmers in a massive program of food production

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UCBWM Missionary Writes on Discrimination Problem in Japan

Aiko Carter

A report by UCBWM missionary Aiko Carter dealing with the persistent problem of discrimination against Japan's Buraku people has been published in the October-November, 1983, issue of *One World*, the magazine of the World Council of Churches. The problem dates back to the 17th-century Tokugawa era, when the Buraku people, considered "unclean," were omitted from the rigid caste system which was then established. Even though a government edict in 1871 legally emancipated them, in actual practice economic, social, and religious factors have combined to continue discrimination, creating educational, health, and occupational problems for the Buraku community until the present time.

Aiko's article highlights the important role of Christian groups in the struggle for Buraku liberation. Committees on Buraku issues have been formed by the National Christian Council, as well as by the United Church of Christ in Japan (Kyodan) and other individual denominations. Their efforts support the movement for Buraku freedom known as the Levellers Association, which was organized in 1922. For Japan's Christians a special link with Buraku aspirations is provided by the Levellers Association's symbol—a red crown of thorns on a black background—the same kind of crown which is a reminder of the suffering and pain of Jesus, but also a reminder of his victory and resurrection which follow. Aiko serves as a contributing editor of *Japan Christian Activity News*, for which she originally prepared this report. □

AN EASTERN EUROPE STUDY/DIALOGUE TOUR will again be offered by UCBWM, August 11 - September 2, 1984, visiting church leaders in the Soviet Union, Czechoslovakia, and East Germany. The Tour will enable participants to become directly acquainted with the situation of Eastern European churches, to discuss common concerns, and to explore means of promoting understanding and cooperation between East and West. Any who are interested should contact as soon as possible:

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voices against a rising tide of unwise and unjust foreign policies.

The World Issues Office is working cooperatively with the Office for Church in Society and the Hunger Action Office to coordinate UCC advocacy networks. Members of the UCBWM regional networks will also become part of the UCC Peace Network. Our eventual goal is to integrate the separate networks and to create a single policy advocacy network for the UCC, encompassing peace, foreign policy, economic justice, immigration, and hunger issues.

The World Issues staff will also seek to meet the special needs of the regional offices by reinforcing their advocacy capacity at whatever points are needed. For the Latin America and East Asia Secretaries that will mean improving their ability to disseminate information quickly to a large number of church members. For the Middle East Secretary it will mean locating agencies or individuals who can monitor legislation in Washington. For the Africa Secretary it will mean increasing the number of people who will take an interest in that area of the world.

This effort by UCBWM to identify, inform, and activate regional constituencies on peace and justice concerns can enlarge the understanding of UCC and Disciples members about our global Christian community, inspire a commitment to work on its behalf, and bring Christian perspectives and values to the attention of those who head foreign governments, international agencies, and national institutions. If the Policy Advocacy Ministry is to become firmly established in one year, it will need a solid list of advocates for each geographic area. We hope, therefore, that you will join the program and share information about it whenever you have opportunity. Membership forms are available from the World Issues Office, 475 Riverside Drive, 16th Floor, New York, NY 10115. Let us hear from you soon! □

Zelle W. Andrews is Associate in the World Issues Office on the staff of UCBWM.

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APPOINTMENTS

Barbados

Cecil C. Prescod, to serve as a Peace and Justice Intern with UCBWM, working with the Church and Society Unit of the Caribbean Conference of Churches in Bridgetown for 12 months and a U.S. program for 3 months. Special Appointment, 15 months. Home church: St. Albans Congregational, St. Albans, NY.

Honduras

Colin D. and Karen H. Glenn, to serve in Honduras while Colin works as a dentist at the Pinalejo and Subirana clinics of the Association of Evangelical Institutions of Honduras. Volunteers, 2 weeks. Home church: United Church of Santa Fe, Santa Fe, NM.

Great Britain

Ann R. and Martin T. Lewis, to serve in Great Britain while Martin works as pastor of the Middleton Park Congregational Church, Aberdeen, Scotland. Associates, 2 years. Home church: Immanuel UCC, Cincinnati, OH.

Lesotho

Jane F. and Robert C. Williams, to serve in Lesotho at the request of the Lesotho Evangelical Church, Robert teaching Christian Education at the theological seminary at Morija, Jane teaching commercial subjects at Thabeng High School. Team Appointment, 3 years; a joint appointment with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Home church: Decatur Trinity Christian Church, Memphis, TN.

Nepal

Nancy Molin, to serve with the United Mission to Nepal as a coordinator of non-formal education. Associate, 2 years. Home church: First Congregational Church, Reno, NV.

Turkey

Jack A. and Margaret S. Batten, to serve in Turkey while Jack works as pastoral counselor to the Near East Mission and Margaret does community work with the handicapped in Istanbul. Volunteers, 6 months. Home church: First Congregational UCC, Sioux Falls, SD.

South Africa

Allen P. and Judith C. Myrick, to serve in the Natal Region at the request of the United Congregational Church of Southern Africa, Allen working as church extension coordinator. Team Appointment, 3 years. Home church: United Church of Christ, Kent, OH.

Zaire

Marguerite B. and Mark W. Frey, to serve in Kinshasa while Mark is country representative for Habitat for Humanity in Zaire. Associates, 2 1/2 years. Home church: Robbins Parish, UCC, Robbins, TN.

Marian Rose, to assist Habitat for Humanity in Mbandaka with procurement and bookkeeping. In April she will become Habitat project representative in either Kikieka or Bikoro. Associate, 2 years. Home church: First Congregational, UCC, Longmont, CO.

REAPPOINTMENTS

Costa Rica

Ruben Lores, to serve as Director of the Diversified Program at Distance of the Latin American Biblical Seminary in San Jose. Appointment, 3 years; a joint appointment with the Presbyterian Church (USA). Home church: Riverside Church, New York, NY.

Ecuador

Eugene R. and Helen H. Braun, to serve in Ecuador while Eugene works as pastor in the El Mesias Church of the United Evangelical Church in Quito and Helen continues as a medical officer for the Peace Corps Volunteers. Associates, 3 years. The appointment continues a Board relationship with the Brauns, who have been Affiliates in Ecuador.

Ivory Coast

David G. and Deborah O. Williams, to serve with the Worldwide Evangelization Crusade in Vavoua. Associates, 3 years. Home church: Shepherd of the Hills UCC, Bechtelsville, PA.

Taiwan

Penelope V. Phillips, to continue serving as speech therapist at Changhua Christian Hospital in Changhua, at the request of the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan. Individual Appointment, 3 years. Home church: Hope United Methodist Church, San Diego, CA.

West Germany

William E. Downey, to continue as chaplain at Klinikum Steglitz, West Berlin. Associate, 3 years. Home church: Edgewood UCC, Cranston, RI.

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Zimbabwe

James J. and Jean S. Winter, to serve in Harare at the request of the Africa Cooperative Action Trust, Jim as advisor in intermediate technology on the staff of its rural training center, Jean in an administrative role at the same school. Team Appointment, 2 years.

REASSIGNMENT

John S. and Karen J. Campbell-Nelson, transferred from the Southeast Asia Graduate School of Theology in Singapore to the Evangelical Protestant Church of Timor, Timor, Indonesia.

Charles and Gaby Hein, to Kenya as Africa Office Representatives, both also serving at St. Paul's Seminary in Limuru, Charles as part-time faculty, Gaby working with wives of students. Charles will also serve as part-time consultant in theological education to the All-Africa Conference of Churches.

Sarah Perreault, to return to Zimbabwe, with assignment to the United Theological College, Harare, as clinic nurse.

EXTENSION OF TERM

Gwendolyn A. Colegrove, Turkey, term extended to 3 years through August, 1984.

Jeanne S. and Ronald S. Fujiyoshi, Japan, term extended to 2 years through September, 1984.

Eleanore A. Hire, Japan, term extended to 3 years, 9 months through February, 1984.

Peter Kratzat, Zaire, term extended for an indefinite period.

Haru S. and James E. Landes, Japan, term extended to 3 years, 10 months through June, 1984.

M. Lynn Smouse, Western Samoa, term extended for 1 year through January 31, 1985.

Todd T. Tischer, Turkey, term extended 1 year through August, 1984.

Lorraine F. and Marc A. Wessels, Australia, term extended to 6 years through December, 1986.

Joy C. and Willie W. W. Wong, Hong Kong, term extended to 5 years through August, 1985.

HOME ASSIGNMENT

Gretchen L. DeVries (Japan), 6 months beginning March 15, 1984.

Padmasani J. Gallup (India), home assignment extended 6 months to June 30, 1984.

Margaret A. Garner (Japan), 3 months beginning July 1, 1984.

Kyoko A. Grant (Japan), 4 months beginning April 1, 1984.

Eleanore A. Hire (Japan), 6 months beginning March 15, 1984.

Ruben Lores (Costa Rica), 3 months beginning November 15, 1983.

Sarah Perreault (Zimbabwe), 3 months beginning January 1, 1984.

Robert G. Porter (Sri Lanka), 4 months beginning March 1, 1984.

Lilie B. Sargent (Turkey), 3 months beginning February 15, 1984.

COMPLETION OF TERM

Suguna Devasundaram,
International, 1982-1983.

Virginia H. Haigh,
Nigeria, 1982-1983.

Martha Redpath,
Lebanon, Jan.-Sept., 1983.

Jeanne H. and Victor J. Rich,
The Philippines, May-Aug., 1983.

Judith A. Thompson,
Israel, Feb.-Dec., 1983.

Dale Warner and Nancy Schultz Warner,
Jamaica, July, 1983.

Clifford O. Simpson,
Australia, 1981-1983.

Mildred B. and Sheldon W. Williams,
Nigeria, 1982-1983.

RETURN TO FIELD

William S. Cundiff, Japan.

Armin and Evelyn S. Kroehler, Japan.

Mary T. and Philip E. Williams, Japan.

TERMINATION OF LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Ann A. and Kenneth B. Mulholland, November 30, 1983.

MISSIONARY EMERITUS

On October 23, 1983, at the 174th Annual Meeting, UCBWM designated **Ruth Hofsteter** as a Missionary Emeritus, recognizing her 37 years of devoted service in India.

Miss Hofsteter began work in 1947 in nursing service and training at the Evangelical Hospital in Tilda, Central India. Shortly after her arrival, the sub-continent went through the agony of partition into India and Pakistan, which was accompanied by untold miseries of epidemic, displacement, and killings. She was active in ministering to the desperate and frightened masses of Hindus and Muslims who fled from ancient homelands during this period.

Later, Miss Hofsteter completed studies for the Master of Public Health at the University of North Carolina in 1954 and then the Certificate in Nurse Midwifery at Johns Hopkins University in 1968. In mid-career she moved to the more remote Evangelical Hospital in Khariar, where she continued to set her wonderful example of devoted and compassionate service with a smile, even in the most difficult circumstances. Her contribution was not limited to health services: she helped organize educational opportunities for very needy village children, including a hostel and was the moving force in founding a primary school in Khariar. In 1977 she was awarded the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters by Heidelberg College, and she concluded her work in India in 1983.

LOSSES IN THE BOARD FAMILY

Helen E. Baker, missionary in Japan (1922-1925), in Iraq (1929-1934), and member of the UCBWM New York staff (1966-1969), died in New York, New York, on November 24, 1983, at the age of 83.

From 1922 to 1925, Helen Baker taught English and Bible at Miyagi Gakuin in Sendai, Japan, having previously taught Latin in a high school in Piqua, Ohio. In 1924, she married David D. Baker. The couple were missionaries in Iraq under the Board of International Missions from 1929 to 1934, Helen continuing to teach. During the 1940's she worked for the Board of Christian Education of the E & R Church in Philadelphia as Director of Missionary Education and Assistant to the Editor of *The Messenger,* the denominational magazine. She and her husband were the first of the "R" national leaders to move to St. Louis after the merger of the E & R Churches. In 1951-52 she served as *The Messenger's* Missions Editor.

Following her husband's death in an automobile accident, Mrs. Baker became editor of *The Church Woman,* the magazine of Church Women United. After retiring, she came to UCBWM as the in-resident representative of the Office of Communications. In 1966 she was elected as an editor and interpretation officer in the then Division of Interpretation and Personnel. She was named an Honorary Member of UCBWM when she retired again in 1969.

Helen Baker was a tireless volunteer worker with Church Women United wherever she lived, and with the various Women's Guilds in the E & R Church. During her lifetime she was the author of many books published by the denomination.

She is survived by her daughter Betty and three grandchildren.

Katharine (Merrill) Skog, missionary in Japan (1924-1941), died in Vasteras, Sweden, on November 27, 1983, at the age of 88.

Upon completion of her B.A. in education from Mount Holyoke College and courses at Harvard Summer School, Mrs. Skog (then Katharine Merrill) had thoughts about going to India as a teacher. She went to Japan instead. From 1924 to 1941 she worked at Matsuyama Girls' School in Yokohama, teaching English, some music, and some physical education. In the summers she was involved in camp work. Due to the international situation in the Far East in 1941 she, along with other missionary teachers, left Japan, sailing for Shanghai where they were finally picked up by American military transport. For the duration of the Second World War Mrs. Skog worked for the United States government, her fluency in Japanese much in demand.

In 1954 she married Knut O. Ahlbers, who died in 1965, and in 1968 she married Karl August Skog, moving with him to his native Sweden. Karl Skog died two years later; Mrs. Skog, though, stayed on in Sweden.

Alma R. Stoudt, missionary in Japan (1917-1944), died in Arlington, Virginia, on October 29, 1983, at the age of 92.

Alma and Oscar Stoudt were appointed missionaries in 1917 and left that August for Japan. They immediately went to North Japan College in Sendai where they both were teachers. After a year there they had the opportunity to do two years of language study in Tokyo. They returned to Sendai where they continued to teach until 1939. During the Second World War, the Stoudts worked with the Japanese in the Seattle area, leaving Board service in 1944. Until retirement, Oscar Stoudt worked in what later became the National Security Agency of the Federal government.

Alma Stoudt is survived by her three children, all of whom were born during the couple's first term of service in Japan.

ALFORD CARLETON LEADERSHIP XXI FUND

At the time of Dr. Alford Carleton's retirement as Executive Vice President of UCBWM a fund was established in his honor to encourage leadership training in developing countries for the 21st century. Following Dr. Carleton's death on August 22, 1983, well over $10,000 has been received in his memory for this fund. The fact that the number of donors far exceeds that for any other UCBWM memorial testifies to the unique regard with which Dr. Carleton is remembered. Gifts to the Alford Carleton Leadership XXI Fund are tax-deductible.

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Recommended Reading and Reference

Seeking Safe Haven: A Congregational Guide to Helping Central American Refugees in the United States, published by the American Friends Service Committee, Church World Service, the Inter-Religious Task Force on El Salvador and Central America, and Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services. Free. Order from the Refugee Resettlement Office, UCBWM, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, NY 10115.

This booklet is specifically designed to assist local congregations in providing help for Central American refugees in their communities. It presents a brief summary of the tragic conditions existing in several Central American countries and then gives very practical suggestions for ways in which congregations may be of assistance to the refugees.

Officially, the United States government refuses to recognize refugees from Central America as legitimate political refugees. The refugees therefore face arrest, detention, and finally deportation—with probable persecution and even death waiting at the other end.

This publication will help congregations as they seek to find a Christian response to the tragic impasse confronting Central American refugees in our country. □

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to meet the crisis. Suffering is further compounded by the fact that the famine has occurred while the country continues to face an unresolved political crisis, with an ineffective military government refusing to return power to civilian authorities, in spite of widespread discontent and economic instability. The Christian Council of Ghana has publicly called on the military to step down, but thus far all such calls have been rejected. □

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India's position on such policy matters as non-alignment, which helps neutralize the dangerous competition between the superpowers. Mrs. Gandhi expressed appreciation for the peace efforts of Canada's Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau. She said she had used India's position in the British Commonwealth and in the non-aligned movement to encourage world leaders to respond positively to his initiative. □

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Moving Towards a United Church in Indonesisa

Efforts to achieve more complete unity of the principal churches in Indonesia—with some eight million members—took a further step forward recently, when the Central Committee of the National Council of Churches of Indonesia considered member-churches' responses to a document on the *Symbols of Unity.* The broad agreement reached by the Central Committee paved the way for a federal-type united church, which is likely to come into being in October, 1984, when the General Assembly is to give formal approval.

The *Symbols* are:

- a common faith of the Church of Indonesia;
- mutual acceptance of one another's baptism, eucharist, and ministry;
- renewal of the statutes of the National Council of Churches;
- a common understanding of the mission of the church.

Effectively and practically, the unity of the united church will lie in a covenanting together to express and understand the member-bodies as one church and to work together toward common objectives mutually agreed upon at the Assemblies.

UCBWM has relationships with several of the churches as well as with the National Council. □